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Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

Bicycle theft

A preventable problem

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On the cover:

Bicycle theft has become a problem at Incirlik. Locking up a bicycle with a sturdy chain and lock can keep it from being stolen. There are a number of ways people can prevent their things from being stolen. To report a theft people should call the law enforcement desk at 6-3200. See related article, Page 8. (Photo by Airman Bradley Lail)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner,
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President's Day

Traditionally we observe both Washington's and Lincoln's birthday on the third Monday in February. This holiday weekend provides an excellent time for travel and recreation.

If you are traveling over the long weekend, make sure you leave information on how you can be reached. Keep force protection in mind at all times – be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200 or to local law enforcement officials.

Flight line closure

From April 30 to May 13, Incirlik's runway will be closed for annual maintenance. No Patriot Express flights are scheduled during that time period, so if you are traveling on TDY or PCS orders during that time, expect to fly commercial.

DEROS Extensions and fines

Airmen who have extended their date eligible return from overseas or have separated from the Air Force and decided to stay in Turkey (as a dependent, for example) need to contact the Turkish Customs liaison representatives in Building 833 to update their Beyanamme paperwork. Failure to do

so at least 30 days prior to your original DEROS can result in fines of \$100 or more.

Phone bills

Using the phone in your quarters to dial 99 causes the Turk Telecom company to charge the base a service fee which, by regulation is passed to you. The rates are complicated and set by the Turkish government. You can read an explanation of rates on the Source, just go the organizations pull down menu and choose the 39th Mission Support Group menu, and click on the 39th Communications Squadron. When you get to the 39th CS page click on residential telephone service.

If you desire, you can turn 99 access off on your home phone by clicking on the "99 access change" link on the same page and filling out the form. Remember you are personally liable for all phone charges incurred from anyone making phone calls from your residence – even calls made without your knowledge. If you employ a maid or a nanny, be sure they understand your rules for use of your home telephone.

If you have any questions, call the 39th Communications Squadron at 6-COMM.

Project SMART

Focusing on safety and operational risk management is the basis of the U.S. Air Force in Europe's Project SMART. You can participate in the program, even outside of the workplace, by being aware of surroundings, wearing appropriate safety gear and warming up properly before sporting activities. Apply the principles of ORM to everything you do – identify risks and seek ways to reduce or eliminate those risks where possible. Team Incirlik needs every one of you healthy ... play it SMART!

Combat Proud
Base Pride... Mission Pride

Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity. People can take part by keeping their office and building grounds clean and well maintained. For more information or to report an area that needs improvement, call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail combatproud@incirlik.af.mil

I am fourth

Getting priorities straight in today's Air Force

By Maj. Michael Platt
39th Services Squadron

With the major holiday season (and the vacation time) behind us, we are all getting back into the daily rituals of school and work. I thought now might be an appropriate time to address the important place family deserves in our lives.

Since the Industrial Revolution, our culture has come to define the family as nuclear in nature; that is, two parents, two point five children and maybe a dog or cat tacked on to complete the picture. I bet that not many of us at Incirlik fit neatly into this model, nor should we try to. The Air Force is a family of families and these come in all shapes and sizes. We have singles, marrieds, married with children, single-parent households and extended families. Regardless of what our family looks like, we need to spend the necessary amount of time and effort to make it work.

In the 1970s, Gayle Sayers, an all-pro running back for the Chicago Bears, wrote a book called "I Am Third." The title was based on his philosophy of life, which was: God is first, my family is second and I am third. Had Mr. Sayers been Tech. Sgt. or Maj. Sayers, his book would have been more aptly titled, "I Am Fourth." I believe that to be truly happy in the Air Force and in life, our philosophy needs to be: God is first, my family is second, the Air Force is third, and I am fourth.

I believe the first relationship in this list is essential to the success of all the others. If I don't have a vital and growing personal relationship with God, then these other relationships suffer. However, this is an article about family relationships and I digress; so if you have any questions about having a personal relationship with God, I urge you to call or visit the chapel, talk to a friend who has a close relationship with God, or give me a call. The *Tip of the Sword* regularly publishes articles addressing Air Force dedication and "service before self." I encourage you to use these available resources, but I want to focus on the family.

The topic of this article and the key to being happy, in the Air Force or out, is making sure that family is a high priority in your life.

Our families have all had to leave friends and loved ones to follow us (or be separated from us when we go remote or deploy). Most of our spouses have been uprooted more times than they would like to remember. Many are forced to work in jobs out of their areas of expertise.

We, as Air Force members, need to put the needs of our families ahead of our own. That means working less (or sleeping less) to make sure we spend time with our spouses and children (and spending the money on the phone bill and e-mail to stay connected if we are separated from our families). Quality time is important, but our families need both quality and quantity time. Putting our family first means talking and playing with our children, as well as talking (and playing) with our spouses. It means knowing what we believe - about the world, about God, about life - and intentionally raising our children to know what they believe.

This will mean putting the needs of our family ahead of the needs of the Air Force. Now, don't go running to your commander with this article in hand trying to get out of the next TDY or exercise. What I mean is that my family needs to know that they are more important than my career. Career progression is a good goal; however, if my career success destroys my family, then it will not be worth the rank it gets me. We all know Air Force life requires some sacrifices. We, as servicemembers, need to bear the brunt of these sacrifices.

Part of making family a priority will be ensuring they get plugged into places that can help support them as we carry out Incirlik's mission. This base offers numerous places for family members to get involved: the chapel, the spouses' club, the family support center or the youth center - just to name a few.

We have no excuse for not doing our best to make sure our families get all the support they need - from the Air Force and more importantly from us. Therefore, God is first. My family is second. The Air Force is third. I am fourth.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III

Dining like a sultan

Airman 1st Class Christopher Shumaker, 39th Communications Squadron information assurance, gets his lunch to go from the Sultan's Inn Dining Facility. The facility won the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Food Services Excellence Award. Next week they are competing at Air Force level for the Hennessy Trophy. Dining facility hours are: **Breakfast** - Mondays through Saturdays 4:30 to 8 a.m., holidays and Sundays 4:30 to 8:30 a.m.; **Lunch** - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; **Dinner** - 4:30 to 8 p.m. and **Midnight meal** - 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. They also offer grab-and-go meals between regular meal times. For more information call 6-3253.



Airman Information File

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Providing Honest Feedback

Feedback is a common occurrence in the Air Force — it's mandatory for supervisors to provide formal feedback to their subordinates at specific times. Supervisors also provide informal feedback on a monthly, weekly, or even daily basis. Regardless of the frequency, it's critical that feedback be honest!

Many people find it difficult to provide honest feedback. It's easy to tell someone they're doing a good job, but it's harder to be the "bad guy" who tells someone they aren't meeting expectations. Supervisors may not provide honest feedback for fear of causing tension in the office; instead, they kick the can down the road and leave honest feedback for a future supervisor to deliver.

Supervisors owe their subordinates nothing less than clear, concise and honest feedback so they know exactly where they stand at all times. Honest feedback allows subordinates to identify where they are falling short and what steps they can take to improve themselves. Subordinates will not fully develop if supervisors fail to tell them where they need improvement. As individual improvement occurs, it sends out a ripple effect that positively impacts the entire

organization. Honest feedback also strengthens the credibility of the supervisor giving it. A subordinate who consistently receives honest feedback from their supervisor remains confident that their supervisor will always be upfront, regardless of the circumstances involved.

When providing feedback, it's vital that you not only be honest, but that you give it in a professional manner — the intent of feedback is to improve individual and team performance, not to belittle.

Finally, realize that providing feedback is not merely a responsibility of supervisors. Regardless of your rank or position, you each have valuable insight to offer. Peers must be willing to give each other feedback, and supervisors need your feedback too. We never reach a point in our career, or our lives, where we can't benefit from honest, professional feedback.

Providing and receiving honest feedback isn't easy — it requires us to bring our courage to get the job done right. Start today: be recognized as a straight shooter who is always willing to provide, and receive, direct and honest feedback — our whole USAFE team will benefit!


General Doc Foglesong


CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

The *Tip of the Sword* wants to know ...

Do you have a
Love - hate relationship
with running?



Love to run and feel the wind in your hair? Or do you hate to run more than you hate having the flu? Send your opinion of running to sabra.bryant@incirlik.af.mil by March 30 to participate in a completely anonymous poll of the Incirlik community. Results will be used to support an upcoming story in the *Tip of the Sword*.

YOUR TURN

What do you like to do in your time off?

"Sleeping, cooking, cleaning and running errands."

— **Joan Alonso**,
Army Air Force
Exchange
Service



"I like to snowboard, go to the beach, ride my bike; just be outdoors."

— **Airman
1st Class
Chris
Albright**,
39th Logistics
Readiness Squadron



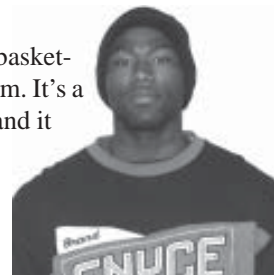
"Spend time with my children because I have a great time with them."

— **Elizabeth
Kaya**, International
Telephone and
Telegraph
operator



"Playing basketball in the gym. It's a stress relief and it keeps you in shape."

— **Staff
Sgt.
Demone
Kyser**, 39th Maintenance Squadron



"I like to go out, watch movies and see new places."

— **Pinar
Patterson**, Army
Air Force Ex-
change Ser-
vice



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

0-1-3

Prescription for safe and responsible drinking

By Capt. Dwayne Buckingham
39th Medical Squadron

Editor's note: More articles on the 0-1-3 Responsible Drinking Campaign will be forthcoming in the Tip of the Sword.

The Incirlik community has a drinking problem. In the past three and half months, more than 40 alcohol-related incidents have occurred with soaring numbers of binge drinkers, chiefly ages 18 to 25.

The Incirlik community has decided to do something about its drinking problem and will lead U. S. Air Forces in Europe in addressing alcohol problems by starting a responsible drinking campaign.

The intent of the 0-1-3 Responsible Drinking Campaign is to prevent or reduce alcohol-related incidents, and increase awareness and prevalence of low-risk versus high-risk drinking.

Alcohol-related incidents and binge or heavy drinking cannot be successfully reduced by focusing on young Airmen alone.

Young Airmen drink within a society where use is normal and images about alcohol are common. Therefore, efforts to reduce alcohol-related incidents and binge drinking need to focus on all Airmen and must engage the community at large.

Despite on-going prevention efforts to safeguard Airmen, a significant number of alcohol-related incidents occur, generating additional workloads for co-workers and units, a high rate of military judicial action and decreased mission readiness. Wing leadership has declared its commitment to creating a responsible drinking culture and has invested in programs with that aim in mind. In an attempt to re-energize prevention efforts, the Community Action Information Board and the Community Uplift-Integrated Delivery System are spearheading the "0-1-3 Responsible Drinking Campaign."

The goal of the campaign is to create a responsible drinking culture and reduce alcohol related incidents here. Actions will be grouped into two areas: focusing on identifying and intervening with persons at high risk for problem drinking or substance use illness; and working throughout all levels across the base, including vital peer-level actions, to promote responsible, healthy behaviors.

The intent of the 0-1-3 campaign is to give a clearly defined drinking norm and keep blood-alcohol content below 0.08 percent. The campaign is meant to increase community awareness about alcohol's effects on general health by providing a variety of educational materials, alcohol screenings and treatment for abusers.

The 0-1-3 prescription establishes a standard for each of us as far as our individual drinking behavior is concerned:

0 – Alcohol-related incidents

1 – Drink per hour

3 – Drinks in one night

The "0" reinforces the USAFE Wingman's creed: We are Wingmen, committed guardians of each other's well being. Alcohol-related incidents can be prevented if Airmen take care of each other and ensure safe measures are in place when drinking.

The "1" and "3" are responsible drinking limits. Individuals should only drink one alcoholic beverage per hour with no more than three drinks in an evening. In other words do not have your drinks all at once.

Medical studies recommend drinking one drink per hour because

the average liver can not process more than that per hour. The three drink concept keeps the blood alcohol level low.

Many Airmen might not know how to drink responsibly. There is a rite of passage mindset that individuals are free to drink whatever as long as they do not harm anyone or themselves.

To change individuals' beliefs and behaviors regarding alcohol use, the community is offering additional recreational and leisure time options. The options can range from pizza parties and midnight basketball and music session ("Hip-Hop Hoops") to club nights with DJs and group outings coordinated through the chapel and Information Tickets and Travel.

The 0-1-3 campaign is an educational process. No one at Incirlik has been ordered not to drink alcohol however, the base commander fully supports this marketing and education campaign to promote responsible drinking.

The campaign will help spread his message that irresponsible drinking threatens mission readiness and even your life.

The campaign is not about preventing individuals from drinking, but rather helping them understand what it means to drink responsibly.

Good to know

A serving of alcohol is defined as 12 ounces of regular beer, four ounces of wine or one and a half ounces of hard liquor. Mixed drinks often are not measured and contain more than one serving of alcohol. Below are a few common drinks and the approximate number of servings of alcohol in each.

Margarita one and a half

White Russian one and a half

Black Russian one and a half

Sex on the Beach two

Tequila Sunset one

Tequila Sunrise three

Sloe Gin Fizz one and a half

Seabreeze one

Fuzzy Navel two

(Information from www.barmandrinks.com)

Incirlik recognizes NCDHM in February

In recognition of National Children's Dental Health Month, the 39th Medical Squadron Dental Flight hosts various activities throughout February.

Events include toddler exams for children ages 1 through 4 (by appointment only) from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Feb. 25 and a dental information booth at the base exchange Feb. 26.

Events that kicked off the start of the month included a dental health video and demonstration presentation at the child development center Feb. 3 and dental health screenings and education for kindergarten through fourth graders at the elementary school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the CDC.

"Dental health for children is officially observed one month a year, but starting healthy dental practices early can help children get a headstart on a lifetime of healthy dental habits," said Staff Sgt. Amanda Sais, 39th Dental Flight Preventive Dentistry NCO in charge. "There are numerous ways parents can help their children get off to a good start."

According to the American Dental Association Web site, "Preventive dental care has been proven to greatly improve the oral health of American children. It's now possible for many children to reach adulthood without ever experiencing tooth decay."

Tooth decay is caused by bacteria, which are present in a thin film of plaque that constantly forms on the teeth. The bacteria uses sugar from the diet as an energy source, and in turn, excrete acids that attack and dissolve tooth enamel. Frequent or lengthy exposures to sugary liquids can result in acid constantly attacking the child's teeth. During

such attacks tooth decay occurs, according to the American Dental Association Web site.

Sugar from various sources, including bottle and breast milk, formula, fruit juices and sweetened liquids can cause plaque bacteria to produce decay-causing acids. How often a child receives a bottle containing these liquids and for how long the child's teeth are exposed to decay-causing acids are important factors. This does not mean a child may never have these drinks, only that their frequency and duration should be limited, the American Dental Association Web site adds.

"The 39th Dental Flight recommends that parents begin brushing a child's teeth as soon as the first tooth erupts (around 6 months). Start with a clean washcloth and then move onto a soft toothbrush as the child adjusts to the cleanings," said Sergeant Sais. "Never allow a child to fall asleep with a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juices or sweetened liquids."

Other tips include:

- ♦ Never give a child a pacifier dipped in sweet liquid.
- ♦ Avoid filling bottles with sugary drinks.
- ♦ As children grow, avoid giving them a "sippy cup" with sugary drinks.
- ♦ Breastfed children should also have their teeth cleaned twice daily.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 6-6104. *(Courtesy 39th Medical Squadron)(Information from the American Dental Association Web site at www.ada.org and the Oral Care Health Center contributed to this article)*



Photo by Airman Dawn Duman

On target

Maj. David Bissonette, 39th Operations Squadron operations officer, plays for OS Team 1 during the dodgeball tournament Feb. 11 at the base fitness center.

Team Herrington came out on top of the 40 teams playing.

Team members were: Capt. Benjamin Hettinga, 39th Security Forces Squadron flight commander; Tech. Sgt. Ronald Lee, 39th SFS confinement NCO; Staff Sgt. Bruce Herrington, 39th SFS member; Staff Sgt. Antonio Frese, 39th SFS NCO in charge of supply and vehicles; Airman 1st Class Chad Stewart, 39th SFS supply clerk and Airman 1st Class Kelli Wise, 39th SFS reports and analysis administrator.

Finance begins transformation

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force financial management community formally kicked off the operational phase of its transformation effort Feb. 2 at a conference in San Antonio.

The conference highlighted the “six lanes” of financial transformation planned for the service in the next decade, which emphasize customer service, said Michael Montelongo, assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management and comptroller.

“The conference is symbolic in a way,” he said. “We effectively dropped the gavel of change from strategic planning to what we call the operational phase of transformation. Primarily, that means the kickoff of the implementation of our service delivery model.”

The six lanes of transformation are:

- ♦ Restructuring financial services.
- ♦ Enhancing resource adviser positions.
- ♦ Developing a cost analysis center of expertise.
- ♦ Enhancing support to warfighters.
- ♦ Restructuring Air Staff-level budget processes.
- ♦ Developing a training mechanism to support the transformation effort.

Financial services is the area Airmen perhaps are most familiar with. This is where transactions occur. A “transaction” is the series of paperwork and button-pushing events when an Airman needs just about anything done at his or her base finance office. A transaction could be the filing of a travel voucher, adjusting an allotment or correcting a pay error. It is the processing of these transactions, said Roger Bick, director of financial management strategic planning and transformation, where the Air Force financial management community starts its transformation efforts.

“If you leave base housing, a form is taken to finance (specialists) so they can start your basic allowance for housing,” Mr. Bick said. “That’s a transaction. We want to systemically evolve those processes. Instead, housing (officials) could put a code into a computer when

you leave, and then a form wouldn’t be hand carried anywhere. That reduces the cost to our Air Force.”

Relationships between the finance office and other Air Force communities are also ripe for development, Mr. Bick said.

“You may go into (the finance office) because you are short \$100 in your paycheck,” he said. “They’ll tell you it’s because the personnel system didn’t do ‘X’ — perhaps they didn’t start your entitlement. You say ‘thank you’ and go to personnel. You stand in the personnel line, and they tell you to check with finance.”

“Such a runaround is not uncommon,” Mr. Bick said.

“It happens to a whole lot of people,” he said. “That’s a ‘stovepipe,’ where communities in the Air Force look amongst their own and don’t cross-correlate with each other to best serve the customer.”

“Because we have grown inside our own communities, we haven’t evolved as quickly as we could have if we had worked together a long time ago,” he said.

Streamlining shop-to-shop processes and transactions is only part of the solution, Mr. Bick said. Also on the agenda is the development of finance call centers where Airmen can ask questions and get most of their financial issues resolved. Those call centers would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“In the future, we expect finance and personnel to be together when it makes sense,” he said. “In the call center, personnel (officials) might be right there with us.”

“Many transactions happening in today’s finance office would disappear in the future,” Mr. Bick said. “Online systems like MyPay, Leave Web and Virtual (Military Personnel Flight) already allow Airmen to handle many of their needs from any computer with an Internet connection.”

“Systems take time to evolve, but we are very much committed to moving toward a common goal,” he said.

With call centers, Airmen may never have to see the inside of a finance office again. That, Mr. Bick said, frees them from standing in line and allows them to spend more time on mission requirements.

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— Roger Bick

Director of financial management strategic planning and transformation

IN THE NEWS

Office closure

Pentagon Federal Credit Union is closed Monday in observance of President’s Day. For more information, call Melissa McCorkle at 6-8364.

LRS warehouse

The 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron is opening its new warehouse at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Bldg. 252. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Jeff Thomas at 6-3567.

Educational Grant

The Airlift and Tanker Association is offering an enlisted tuition grant. Applications are available at the education center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ken Moore at 6-8371 or Lt. Col. Janon Ellis at 6-6710.

Annual Awards Banquet

The 39th Air Base Wing Annual Awards Banquet is 6 p.m. March 2 at the Incirlik Club. For tickets, contact unit first sergeants.

Anniversary opportunities

To volunteer for the Incirlik 50th Anniversary Celebration contact one of the following committee heads:

Meet and greet – Master Sgt. Dwana Moore at 6-3718

Publicity – Staff Sgt. Craig Brodber at 6-3126

Club liaison – Richelle Kemper at 6-8289

Decorations – 1st Lt. Franklin Porcil at 6-6706

Honor Guard – Master Sgt. Roberta Williams at 6-1019 or Capt. Will Boyles at 6-8091

Secretary – Staff Sgt. Tinisha Johnston at 6-6602

Treasurer – Tech.Sgt. Tina Bennet at 6-6306

Entertainment – Capt. Will Boyles at 6-8091

Media – Master Sgt. Andrew McClinton at 6-2994

Fundraising – 1st Lt. Sabra Bryant at 6-6060 or Tech. Sgt. Charlein Sheets at 6-6470

Special activities and events – Master Sgt. Garvis Leak at 6-6420

Bike theft tops chart of Incirlik crimes

By Senior Airman
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39th Security Forces Squadron

It can take less than 30 seconds to steal a bicycle, much less time if it is not locked up.

Last year, 35 bicycles worth more than \$10,000 were stolen. Of that number, only 13 were reported as being locked up when they were stolen.

"When purchasing a bicycle, make sure you keep all receipts and have the serial number available in case your bicycle is stolen," said Staff Sgt. Crystal Hatch, 39th Security Forces Squadron police services administrator. "It helps if the bike gets turned in or found ... we have proof it's yours."

Bicycles topped the list of items thieves targeted last year. There are a number of things people can do to make their bicycles less attractive to thieves.

"Lock your bicycle up on a bike rack in a lighted area," said Sergeant Hatch. "You can also take your seat off and bring it with you, I'm pretty sure no one wants to steal a bike with no seat."

Other steps people can take include:



Even a lock is not proof against theft. Having receipts and photos of the property can help authorities return property to the rightful owners.



Photos by Airman Bradley Lail

A bicycle locked up with as little as a dog's chain collar and lock may stop a thief in his tracks. To report a stolen bicycle call the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

- ◆ Be sure to lock the bike up any way possible. While a heavy chain and lock are best, any manner of locking up the bicycle will deter theft.

- ◆ Secure lock through the center of the bicycle instead of through the wheel. Some thieves will take the frame and leave the wheel locked up.

- ◆ If you use chain locks wrap them around the bicycle more than once.

Even when in the United States bicycle theft can be a problem. The National Bike Registry works with law enforcement agencies to get bicycles returned to their rightful owners. To register a bicycle log onto www.nationalbikeregistry.com.

Theft wasn't limited to bicycles last year, there were 10 incidents of stereos or DVD players being stolen from cars.

While Incirlik may not be New York or Los Angeles in terms of crime, locked cars still prevent theft. A five minute trip to the commissary or base exchange can be the

perfect opportunity for thieves to steal what they want from an unlocked car.

When something gets stolen, the first thing victims should do is report it to the Law Enforcement desk at 6-3200.

"They have the paperwork right there," said Sergeant Hatch. "Unfortunately this happens a lot on base."

Victims who have proof of ownership like a photo, receipt or photo of the item stolen can help if anything is found.

"People should engrave the last four of their social security number into the item and take photos or videotape of their valuables," said Tech. Sgt. Ronald Lee, 39th SFS confinement NCO. "This helps us prove that something belongs to a person."

While theft makes up a large percentage of the crime committed here last year there were also a number of other incidents.

Damage to private and government property fell just after theft and alcohol related incidents came in third.



Combat Care is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program designed to improve the care, attention and information flow to spouses and families and create a sense of community among those coping with deployments.

The family support center is looking for volunteers to form a deployed spouse network. For more information or to volunteer, contact Master Sgt. Alicinne Peebles, FSC readiness NCO in charge, at 6-6755.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

Question: Mehmet, thanks a lot for writing some words and phrases I might need to use while communicating with our maids and baby sitters two weeks ago. That was very useful. Now, may I ask you to write another list of Turkish words and phrases we might need while shopping or eating at a restaurant?

Response: Nowadays, the most common word on the windows of the shops is “taksit” that means ‘on installments’ in Turkish.

Due to the competition among credit cards issued by different banks and the stability of the inflation in Turkey, sales on installments boomed in recent months.

“Ucuzluk” or “indirim” are the other two words often on the windows and both mean “sale” in Turkish.

Many times a shopkeeper will say “buyurun (*boo-you-roon*)” when someone is looking in the shop window. The phrase means “come on in” or “may I help you?” The attendant is inviting the person into the shop. “Sizde ... varmi?” (*seez-deh ... vahr-meh?*) means “do you have ...” and is the phrase to say if looking for a particular item.

All of the following phrases, meaning “how much” can be used to ask the price of an item:

Kaca? (*kha-cha?*); Ne kadar? (*neh kah-*



Courtesy photo

If looking for something specific say “Sizde (what you’re looking for) varmi” (*Seez-deh ... vahr-meh*). This means “do you have ...”

dahr?); Kac lira? (*khach lee-rah?*)

Below are some other useful phrases and words to use while shopping;

Cocuk icin istiyorum (*cho-jook e-chin iss-tea-your-oum*)-I want for the child.

Benim icin (*ben-imm e-chin*) – for me
Esim icin (*ash-imm e-chin*) –for my spouse

Kac numara? (*khach nuu-mah-rah?*)-
What size?

Baska renk varmi? (*bahsh-kah rank vahr-meh?*)-Do you have in another color?

Ucuz (*ou-jouz*)- Cheap

Pahalı (*Pah-hah-leh*)- expensive

Cok (*choke*) – very, much, a lot, many

Dar (*dahr*) – tight

Bol (*bohl*) – loose

Kısa (*ke-sah*)-short

Uzun (*ou-zoun*)- long, tall

Bu guzel degil (*bou ghue-zehl day-ill*)-

This is not good/beautiful.

Acik renk (*ah-chek rank*)-light color

Koyu renk (*kho-you rank*)-dark color

Pamuk (*pah-mook*)-cotton

Ipek (*e-pack*)-silk

Yun (*yuen*)-wool

Bakir (*bah-ker*)-copper

Altın (*ahl-ten*)-gold

Gumus (*gue-muesh*)-silver

Beyaz altın (*bah-yahz ahl-ten*)-white gold

Hangi kumastan yapilmis? (*hahn-ghee koo-maash-than yaph-hel-mesh?*) What material is it made of?

Daha buyuk/kucuk beden varmi? (*dah-ah bue-yuek/kue-chuek beh dan vahr-me?*- Do you have bigger/smaller size?

En son kaca olur? (*ann sohn kha-cha oh-lour?*-What is your last price?

Bu ne? (*bou neh?*)-What is this?

Garanti belgesi (*gha-run-tee bell-geh-see*)-guarantee certificate

Buralarda lokanta/tuvalet/banka/polis/.../ varmi? (*bouh-rah-lahr-dah loh-kahn-tah/ too-vah-let/bahn-kah/po-liss/.../ vahr-me?*) is there a restaurant/toilet/bank/police/.../ around here?

Tuvalet nerede? (*too-vah-let neh-reh-deh?*)-where is the toilet?

Ben Amerikalıyım ama turist değilim. (*ben Ah-mehr-ri-kah-le-yem ah-ma, tou-rist deh-yeel-imm*)-I am an American, but not a tourist.



Courtesy photo

Knowing a few words and phrases in Turkish can make shopping in Turkey easier.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

History project

Air Force seeks basic-training photos from Airmen worldwide

By Maj. Rich Curry

507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) — It is not often when someone has a chance to peer into the past, present and future at the same time. Fortunately, the vision of an Air Force historian has done just that with the creation of an online repository of Air Force basic training flight graduation photos.

Tech. Sgt. Tracy English, a 37th Training Wing historian at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, said he recognized that a part of the Air Force's history, basic training flights photos, was becoming lost to the ravages of time. Knowing this, he decided to try and retrieve as many images as possible before they were lost forever. Sergeant English set out to find the contractors who were hired to take each flight graduation photo.

"It took several months of searching and going through the Better Business Bureau to (find) some of the original contractors. After spending all that time searching, we learned that the contractor policy was to only keep original photographs for 90 days before throwing them away," he said.

Back to square one, the historian took a different tact and established a Web site to announce the project as well as to solicit photographs. After 12 months, Sergeant English has collected roughly 2,000 photos, and estimates there are only 117,000 to go.

He said his two-person office is receiving a steady stream of submissions and they are working weekends to keep up to date.

The project is a way to help the Air Force and Airmen alike trace their roots, he said. It seeks to collect all of about 119,000 U.S. Air Force basic training flight photos from the inception of the Air Force in 1947 to present.

The collection includes photos from all the bases that conducted Air Force basic training including Lackland; Sampson AFB, N.Y.; Parks AFB, Calif.; Amarillo AFB, Texas; and Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Since the project started, Sergeant English said his office has received roughly 120 pieces of mail and 600 e-mail messages every month with people asking for specific photographs or sending photos to be published on the Web site.

"We didn't see all the ramifications of this project when we started it," Sergeant English said. "We have people looking for some memento of deceased parents, or people who have lost all of their military records (in) a fire or flood and just want to provide some form of evidence that they had served in the Air Force.

"A lot of people had their military records destroyed during a military records warehouse fire in St. Louis in the 1970s. We've even had people trying to look up and meet with members from their training flight from 50 years ago," he said.

Airmen may look for their graduation photo online at <http://www.lackland.af.mil/info/photos.asp>

"If you don't see your flight photo, we may not have it yet," Sergeant English said.

A lot of photographs were missing from the 1980s and 1990s. If the photo is not there, people can check back at a later date. If people have photos not currently online, they can submit them, he said.



Courtesy photo

The basic-training photos like the ones pictured above are being sought after by history office staff at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas as part of a new project. The project aims to archive basic training flight photos as far back as the Air Force's 1947 inception to present. Hard copies and electronic versions (scanned or digital images) of photos are currently being accepted in an effort to reach this goal.

People can submit high-quality scanned images via e-mail to 37TRW.HO@Lackland.af.mil. Hard copies can be sent through the U.S. mail system to: 37TRW/HO, 1650 Carswell Ave., Lackland AFB, TX 78236.

People who have an oversized photo can scan it in halves (or copy both halves) and send them in. The history office staff said they can put them together and get them into the archives and online.

Sergeant English said they prefer photos in a digital format known as joint photographic experts group, or JPG; however, they will accept any format provided.

Sergeant English said it may take time to get the photos posted online.

"We only have two people assigned to our office. We're excited about this project and are even working lots of extra time to keep it going, but we have to sleep sometime," he joked.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Men's volleyball

The Incirlik Men's Volleyball Team practices Sundays from 8 to 10 a.m. at the fitness center. Volleyball players are invited to try out. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Reyes at 6-6441.

NAAH Month event

In observance of National African American History Month, a NAAH Month Extravaganza is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 26 at the club. For more information call Master Sgt. Curtis Palmer at 6-3131.

Riding club

The Incirlik Country Plains Riding Club provides child birthday parties, to include pony rides, decorations and games, for a fee. Parties can be arranged and customized through the stables. For more information call, Angela Hill at 6-2153 or Dawn Welton at 6-5234.

Family support center

The following classes are available through the family support center: **Sponsorship training**, which provides information to effectively sponsor incoming people to Incirlik, meets today from 9 to 10 a.m.; a **Financial Information for Separation** class, which is geared toward helping members planning to separate prepare financially, meets Wednesday from 8 to 10 a.m.; a **Budgeting** class, which offers the basics of keeping a budget to help meet financial goals, meets Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information call, 6-6755.

Keep Incirlik Clean Day

The youth center hosts a Help Keep the Base Clean Day Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are invited, snacks will be served afterward. For more information, call Selina Moorner at 6-6670.

X-Box tournament

Players are invited to compete for the chance to qualify for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe HALO-2 championship Saturday at 1 p.m. in the community center. Cost \$5, winner takes the cash.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Lopez,
39th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Analysis NCO in charge

Time in service: Two years

Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.

Time in service: Nine years, nine months

Time on station: Seven months

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, working out and watching movies

Why did you join the Air Force?

So I could become more independent,

travel, meet different people and have more structure in my life.

What do you like most about Incirlik?

It has helped me appreciate more what I have, achieved and sometimes taken for granted.

How do you contribute to the 39th Air Base Wing's mission?

I identify weaknesses and deficiencies in the supply account and provide recommendations to correct them.

What is your favorite motto?

Currently, "just shut up and run." I like to use it when PTing (physical training) with my squadron.

What one word best describes you?

Pride, when I become involved in a project or process, I hope to make it better.

Supervisor's quote:

"A true super star, her exceptional support to the wing and unit is unrivaled; Liz gets the job done," said Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Ross, 39th LRS NCO in charge of procedures and analysis.

Classifieds

Yard sale: From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4042D Adana Drive March 12. For more information, call 6-6060.

For free: 220-volt items to anyone PCSing to England or other interested parties. Items include an alarm clock, toaster, extension cords with multiple outlets, telephone extension cords and converter plugs. For more information, call 6-5264 or 0538-308-6208.

For sale: A Motorola cellular phone, less than 4 months old, like new condition, in original package. \$100. For more information, call 6-5264 or 0538-308-6208.

For sale: 1989 Nissan Skyline, silver, four-door, twin-turbo engine, air conditioner, good condition. \$3,500 OBO. Call 6-2139.

For sale: 1986 Volkswagen Golf GTI, A/C, CD chang-er, manual transmission. The car meets U.S. specs; runs great. \$1,200 OBO. Call James at 0537-841-2649.

Volunteers needed: The chapel needs volunteers to assist with light office duties including answering phones, preparing bulletins and aiding chaplains. No experience required, training provided for each task. For more in-

formation, call Jen Smith at 6-6441.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed to help plan Women's History Month activities. Military and civilian volunteers are encouraged to participate. For more information call the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 6-6210.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers for the Overseas Committee Chair position for Girl Scout Year 2005-2006 are needed. There is training available for the position. For more information call April Rogers at 6-6321 or 6-5748.

Positions available: Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise is currently recruiting for a family advocacy nurse. The nurse will be responsible for administering comprehensive clinical nursing prevention services to high-risk maternal child families to prevent child and spouse abuse. Applicants must have at least a bachelor of science in nursing and a current U.S. license, and experience in community health, family maltreatment and maternal child. Résumés are being accepted by Gene Wilkinson, CM/SE U.S. Air Forces in Europe program manager, at gene.wilkinson@sembach.af.mil and Lara Truppo, CM/SE administrative assistant, at lara.truppo@sembach.af.mil. For more information call, Mr. Wilkinson or Ms. Truppo at DSN 496-6667 or (49) 6302-67-6667.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Crossroads Café

The Crossroads Café is closed today and Saturday. For more information, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro at 6-6441.

Incirlik Idol

Competitions for the Incirlik Idol, who will represent the base during the U.S. Air Forces in Europe competition, starts soon. Round one auditions start March 3, 1st round eliminations are March 10, second round eliminations are March 24 and finals are March 31. Rounds and eliminations start at 6 p.m. and are in the club. Sign ups are currently being accepted. For more information, call 6-6101.

Combat Touch happenings

Catholic Sunday Bible Study meets Sundays at 3 p.m. in the chapel conference room. For more information, call Michael Luna at 6-9180. **A Chapel-sponsored pilgrimages** to Antioch and the Seven Churches are planned March and April. For more information, call 6-6441.

Project CHEER

Project CHEER events include: **Movie Night**, for people 18 years of age and older, is Thursday at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served at this free event. Both events are at the community center. For more information, call 6-6966; and **Dorm Dweller Outing** four-person scramble Feb. 27 at 1 p.m., offered by the golf course. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 26. Prizes to be awarded. Cost is \$6; does not include green fees, clubs and golf cart. Dorm residents receive a 2-for-1 special. For more information, call 6-3313.

TRICARE

The **Healthcare Information Line** can be accessed by dialing 222 from any telephone on base. This line connects callers directly with a registered nurse, 24-7 for guidance on health and wellness matters. **Update your TRICARE information**, including home and work numbers, and box number. This information is vital in case of emergencies. For more information, call Debra Smith at 6-8763.

Sew what?

Jenna Moore, military spouse and home-school teacher, works on a quilt at the Incirlik Arts and Crafts Center. The center hosts the February block-of-the-month project Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The block will be a 36-inch angel adorned with flowers and an American flag. Cost, which includes materials, is \$30. For more information, stop by the arts and crafts center Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 6-3858.



Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller. Now that Greg Focker is “in” with his soon-to-be in-laws, the Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But the hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrnes are woefully mismatched from the start. (98 minutes)

9 p.m. – Woman Thou Art Loosed (R) – Starring Kimberly Elise and Loretta Devine. An adaptation of Bishop T.D. Jakes’ self-help novel, chronicling a woman’s struggle to come to terms with her legacy of abuse, addiction and poverty. (99 minutes)



Saturday

5 p.m. – Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) – Starring Jim Carrey and Timothy Spall. Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are three young children who receive news that their parents have died in a fire and left them an enormous fortune. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket who narrates the film, and the cun-

ning and dastardly Count Olaf. (98 minutes)

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Sunday

7 p.m. – Woman Thou Art Loosed (R) – Starring Kimberly Elise and Loretta Devine. (99 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Ocean’s Twelve (PG-13) – Starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. Danny Ocean and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with three new heists planned. Meanwhile, casino owner Terry Benedict, whom Ocean ripped off in Las Vegas, is hot on their tail. (125 minutes)

AT THE M1

Ladder 49 (PG) — Noon, 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:45 and 9 p.m. (105 minutes)

The Aviator (G) — 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (170 minutes)

White Noise (R) — 11 a.m., 3:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (101 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tempecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.